cavitrone machines installed in the Dental Wing of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in the year 1988 are in working condition.

Profit/losses in public enterprises

31. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the turnover and profit/loss of public enterprises in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that public sector enterprises in the country are running in heavy loss due to poor project management lack of technological upgradation, inadequate attention to R & D and low priority to human resource development;

(c) if so, whether Government have taken any measures to meet these requirements;

(d) whether disinvestment is only way of improving the profitability of public sector enterprises;

(e) whether Government have any other innovative method; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) The turnover and profit/loss of the 234 operating Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) during the year 2000-2001, the latest period for which information is available, is as under:

Turnover	:	Rs. 458227 Crore
Profit of profit making CPSEs	:	Rs. 28492 Crore
Loss of loss incurring CPSEs	:	Rs. 12839 Crore
Net Profit	:	Rs. 15653 Crore

The CPSE wise details are given in Vol.-III of Public Enterprises Survey, 2000-2001 which was laid in the Parliament on 7-3-2002 and is a published document.

(b) The reasons for losses of the loss incurring CPSEs are multifold and vary from CPSE to CPSE. However, some of the reasons include inherited sickness in case of taken-over units from the private sector, obsolete plant and machinery, outdated technology, low capacity utilization, excess man power, financial resource crunch, high input costs, heavy interest burden, weak marketing strategies, etc.

(c) to (f) Enterprise specific steps are being taken by the concerned Administrative Ministries/Departments/Management of the CPSEs from time to time to improve their performance which is a continuous process. Disinvestment of non-strategic CPSEs, according to the declared policy of the Government, is one of the ways of improving the profitability of CPSEs. Some of the other steps taken include managerial and financial restructuring, upgradation of technology, modernization of plants and machinery, cost control measures, rationalization of manpower, improved marketing strategies formation of Joint Ventures etc. as the case may be.

Government's control over prices of Maruti cars

32. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government are in a position to exercise any influence/control over price of the cars after disinvestment of Maruti Udyog Ltd. (MUL); and

(b) if not, what protection is available to consumers buying cars etc. from the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI RAMJI BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) and (b) Automobile industry is a delicensed industry and the manufacturers including Maruti Udyog Limited (MUL) are free to fix the price of their products based on commercial considerations and market forces which act as a mechanism to protect the interest of consumer.

Demand for appointment of Judicial Officer to examine writings on Gujarat violence

33. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Editors Guild of India has demanded the appointment of Judicial Officer to examine the writings of those sections of the media which the Guild alleged incited violence and spread hatred in Gujarat;

(b) if so, whether they have recommended action against them; and

(c) by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The Editors Guild has suggested that a high judicial officer be appointed by the Government to examine the writings of those sections of the media that are *prima facie* in flagrant violation of the low and recommend what action, if any, should be taken against them.